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1. ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY MARKET SURVEY OF JULY 13,
PRICES OF AVAILABLE BASIC COMMODITIES ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY
SINCE THE PREVIOUS MARKET SURVEY, JULY 6 (SEE REFTEL).
IN THE SAME PERIOD, THE AVAILABILITY OF FISH AND
POULTRY DECREASED SHARPLY.

2. THE PRICE OF GLUTINOUS RICE ROSE TO 70 KIP A KILO
FROM 50 KIP ON JULY 6. BEST QUALITY WHITE RICE DROPPED
TO 125 KIP A KILO FROM 170 KIP BUT SECOND QUALITY ROSE
TO 110 KIP A KILO FROM 90 KIP. DURING THE SAME PERIOD,
CHICKEN AND DUCK BECAME UNAVAILABLE ON THE MARKET JOIN-
ING PORK, BEEF AND BUFFALO WHICH HAVE BEEN UNAVAILABLE
SINCE JANUARY 1976. THE PRICE OF FISH ROSE TO 700 KIP

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A KILO FROM 600 KIP AND THE VARIETIES AVAILABLE HAVE

DIMINISHED. PRICES OF DETERGENT, EGGS AND ONIONS ROSE
BETWEEN 20 AND 60 PER CENT. SUGAR HELD STEADY AND
CUCUMBERS DOUBLED IN PRICE. THE BLACK MARKET RATE FOR
THE KIP ROSE FROM 700 TO ONE DOLLAR TO 1200 TO ONE IN
THE SAME PERIOD.
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